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REMARKS

Claims 1-6, 8-12 and 14-20 and 22-23 are pending in this application.

Claims 9-12 are withdrawn from consideration.

Claims 15 and 17-20 are allowed.

Claims 4, 8 and 22 and 23 are objected to.

Claims 1-3, 5, 6, 14 and 16 are rejected.

The office action dated July 27, 2005 indicates that claim 23 contains allowable subject matter, but is objected to for depending from rejected base claim 1. Claim 1 has been amended to recite the subject matter of claim 23, now cancelled. Claims 4 and 22 have been amended to depend from claim 1 instead of claim 23. Consequently, claim 1 and its dependent claims 2-6, 8, 14, 16 and 22 should be allowed.

Claim 24 has been added to the application. This claim does not raise new issues as it recites storing an entire image together with tonemap data to allow the image be displayed with and without the background mapped to a preferred tone.

The claims withdrawn from consideration have been cancelled. Rejections of claims 1-3, 5, 6, 14 and 16 have been rendered moot by the amendments above. The applicant reserves the right to file continuation and divisional applications on these claims.

The application is believed to be in condition for allowance. The examiner is encouraged to contact applicant's attorney Hugh Gortler to discuss any issues that might remain.